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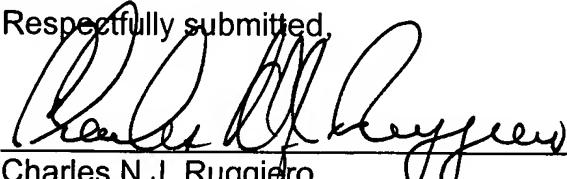
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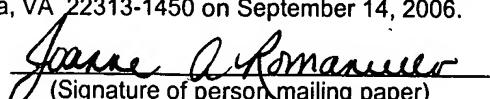


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SUPPLEMENT TO THE APPEAL BRIEF FILED UNDER 35 U.S.C. §134

Dear Sir:

Further to the Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief dated August 18, 2006 and in compliance with the requirements set forth in the Manual of Patent Examining Practice §1205.03 (B), Appellants submit herewith a paper providing a summary of the claimed subject matter as required by 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v). This paper supplements the Appeal Brief filed on January 31, 2006 and the Reply Brief filed on May 5, 2006.

(5) Summary of Claimed Subject Matter

The claimed invention includes independent claims 1, 14, and 19, which relate to the methods (50) of making undergarments (10) illustrated in Figures 3 and 4 (reproduced below). The methods (50) make undergarments (10) of cotton blend layers (32, 34) glued (36) to one another so that the garments include a finished edge (30), which does not require separate binding or narrow edge finishing. See paragraph 0007.

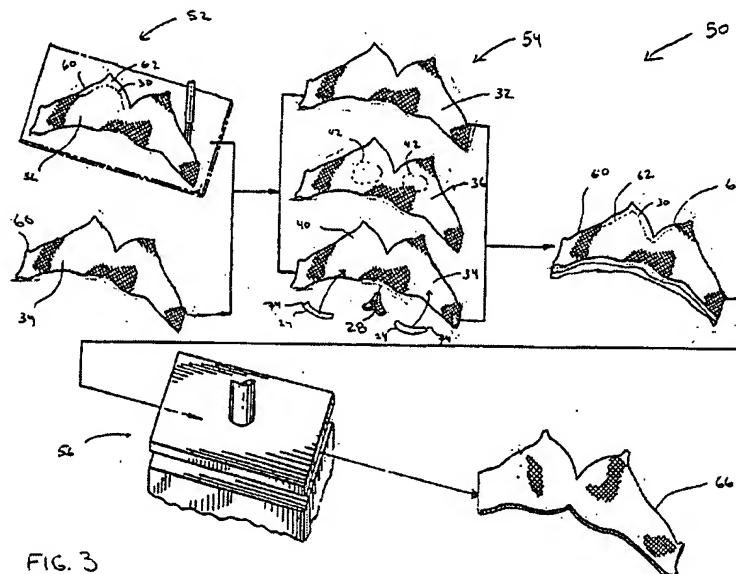
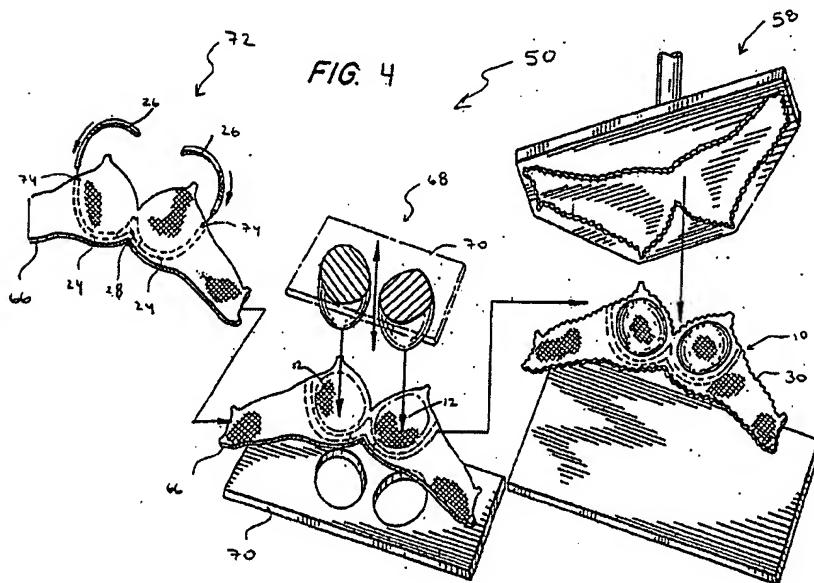


FIG. 3



Advantageously, the claimed methods (50) glue the cotton blend layers (32, 34) to one another in such a manner as to prevent "lock up" the fibers, allowing the resultant laminate (66) to stretch. See paragraph 0023.

The claimed method (50) set forth in independent claim 1 includes the steps of: inserting an adhesive layer (36) between a first fabric layer (32) and a second fabric layer (34) to form a fabric sub-assembly (64), said sub-assembly (64) having a periphery (60) that is larger than an entire outer periphery of the undergarment (10); causing said adhesive layer (36) to form a laminate (66) from said sub-assembly (64); and removing a trim (62) from said laminate (66) at said entire outer periphery () to form a finished edge (30) of the undergarment, wherein said first and second fabric layers (32, 34) include a blend of cotton-based material.

The claimed method (50) set forth in independent claim 14 includes the steps of: applying an adhesive layer (36) to a first fabric layer (32), said first fabric layer (32) being a first cotton blend fabric; overlying said adhesive layer (36) with a second fabric layer (34), said second fabric layer (34) being a second cotton blend fabric; causing said adhesive layer (36) to bond said first and second fabric layers (32, 34) together to form a stretchable laminate (66), said stretchable laminate (66) having a periphery (60) that is larger than an entire outer periphery of the undergarment (10); and cutting said stretchable laminate (66) along said entire outer periphery to form a finished edge (30) of the undergarment (10) that resists unraveling.

The claimed method (50) set forth in independent claim 19 includes the steps of: forming an adhesive layer (36) having an adhesive free region (42); surrounding said adhesive layer (36) with a first fabric layer (32) and a second fabric layer (34); causing said adhesive layer (36) to bond said first and second fabric layers (32, 34) together to form a stretchable laminate (66), said stretchable laminate (66) having a periphery (60) that is larger than an entire outer periphery of the undergarment (10); and cutting said stretchable laminate (66) along said entire outer periphery to form a finished edge (30) of the undergarment that resists unraveling, wherein said adhesive layer (36) is a layer

of thermally actuated polyethylene and ethylene vinyl acetate copolymer.

Summary

In view of the above supplement to the Appeal Brief, Appellants respectfully request that the Board of Appeals reverse the final rejections of claims 1 through 23, thereby enabling all of the pending claims to be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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